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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Budget cuts could result in job losses

By Andrew Kreighbaum
Daily Texan Staff

Looming budget cuts in the College of Liberal Arts will result in a wave of instructional staff eliminations, but foreign language departments within the college could also be affected by changes to graduation requirements and grading policies. Faculty members have said the college is considering changes to the curriculum that would move to add more hours to first-year language courses and change the grading scale to a pass/fail system.

Under one proposal, the current requirement of four semesters of a foreign language for an undergraduate degree would be cut to two semesters. However, the first two semesters of a foreign language would become more intensive with six hours of class time per week instead of five.

Faculty members stress that the proposals are only being discussed at this point.

Reductions in non-tenure track faculty positions will inevitably result in fewer language courses being offered.

Alan Friedman, English professor and Faculty Council member, said in an e-mail that any changes to the curriculum would have to first be approved by the council. Friedman heads the council's Educational Policy Committee, which would take any curriculum changes before the council.

Before the council could take a vote, faculty committees in other colleges that have language requirements would need to see the changes as well, said Nico-

las Shumway, chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

The potential changes could decrease flexibility in students' course schedules and affect GPA calculations.

The College of Liberal Arts hired 49 new faculty members during the last academic year. That's three times as many as the department would aim to hire in a normal year, said college spokesman Gary Susswein.

Liberal Arts Dean Randy Diehl said the unusually high number of new hires may be connected to the uncertain economic conditions at universities in other states.

But the college enacted a faculty hiring freeze for the 2010-11 academic year after it became clear that the college would not receive additional funding from new tuition increases, Diehl said.

Taking retirements and faculty departures into account, the college saw a net gain of 28 new faculty members.

"That was a great year, but we have to pay for it," Diehl said. "So the hiring freeze is a step toward making sure that we cover all of that."

Faculty in the college became aware of the pending cuts early this summer, but an Aug. 20 memo from Diehl to department chairs laid out the plans for the cuts in greater detail.

Besides cutting lecturer and teaching assistant positions, the memo proposed raising the limits for class sizes, moving to intensive foreign language instruction and cutting the number of admitted graduate students. Placement

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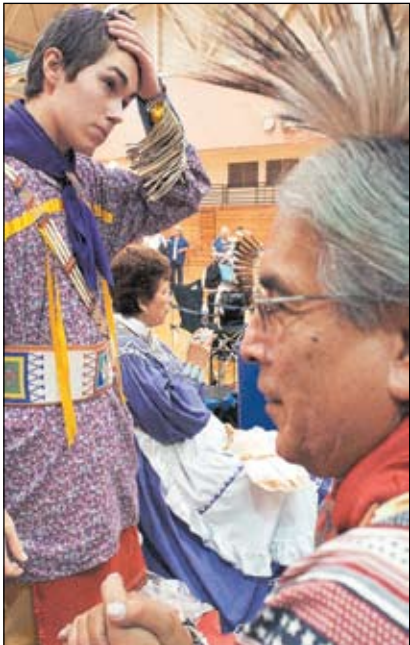
Powwow patrons feel the beat



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Above, Nico Peña, member of Eagle Creek drum group, dances during the University's Powwow Saturday at the Recreational Sports Center. Below, Andrew De Luna, left, stands with his father Erwin De Luna, president of the San Antonio Powwow organization.

Event aims to garner more support for American Indians



By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

Native Americans of various tribes exhibited their culture with drum beats and dance steps on Saturday at the University's annual Powwow hosted by the Longhorn American Indian Council, a group within the Multicultural Information Center.

More than 100 people gathered for the powwow at the Recreational Sports Center, where the council expressed its desire for people, regardless of tribe or native status, to join together in a family atmosphere.

"The powwow was chosen because it's a very familiar aspect of our heritage, and it's a general part of all tribes," said council officer Chris Neighbors, the main coordinator of the event and a radio-television-film junior. "We thought it'd be an easy and big way to share our cul-

ture with the campus community."

Some performances included a gourd dance at the beginning to bless the gymnasium, inter-tribal dances that allow everyone to participate and a potato dance where partners dancing with a potato between their foreheads try to be the last group to let it fall.

People of varying ages, spanning multiple generations, took to the floor as drummers beat traditional rhythms, sounded bells and filled the gym with their chants.

There are 200 American Indian students registered on campus, Neighbors said. Although the number makes up a small portion of all students, he said the council has reinvented itself this year to reach out to more students of indigenous heritage.

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Professor runs for District Court

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

Karen Sage has practiced and taught law as a University adjunct law professor and Travis County assistant district attorney. Now, she is running for judge of the 147th District Court.

She said she will focus on connecting to individual voters through meetings and door-to-door outreach during her campaign, which began Sept. 3.

"Being a judge is not that much unlike being a prosecutor. You're really looking at doing justice every day," she said. "I've been doing that for most

of my career, and now, I'd just do it at a higher level, a different level."

Sage is campaigning against two other Democratic candidates, Austin Police Monitor Cliff Brown and Judge David Crain, who occupies the County Court at Law No. 3 misdemeanor seat.

"This primary is going to be very competitive, but Karen has great political instincts, and she's comfortable speaking in front of people," said Sage's campaign manager Jim Wick. "She's been involved in the activist side of politics for the last 20 years, making phone calls

for Paul Wellstone's campaign and knocking on doors for Bill Clinton's campaign. She's done fundraising for John Kerry's campaign. She understands what it takes."

Over the past 20 years, Sage has worked as a federal and county prosecutor, an appellate lawyer, a criminal defense lawyer, a civil litigator and a professor. Sage said she hopes her federal and appellate experience will convince voters to elect her as a district judge, since that position deals with felony offenses including murder and fraud.

"Federal experience comes

into play and puts things in perspective when dealing with state cases," Sage said. "If you've handled multiple kilos of cocaine, you tend to look at less than a gram of crack cocaine a little differently."

Sage's passion for justice goes beyond the courtroom and into the classroom at UT. She has previously taught at Duke University and calls teaching her course, Ethics in Criminal Law, the highlight of her week.

"I love working with the students, and I'll be teaching again this spring," Sage said. "It

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City of Austin denied immunity in civil suit

By Bobby Longoria
Daily Texan Staff

An appeals court affirmed last week a decision by a local district court denying the city of Austin immunity in a civil lawsuit filed by former Austin Police Department Officer Ramon Perez.

According to the lawsuit, filed Dec. 19, 2006, Perez claims he was forced to resign because of religious beliefs. Leading up to his resignation, he was given a psychological assessment by department psychologist Carol Logan.

"I was unaware that there was

any problems with my employee position before, during and after the interview," Perez said. "I was told it was a series of word games to facilitate communication."

There were no standardized tests in the session, which Perez said was a "virtual monologue." He said the session was positive overall and ended with Logan saying she did not see a problem with him.

APD Sgt. Jesse Brown, Lt. Daniel Zahara and Cmdr. Sam Holt

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Curt Youngblood | Daily Texan Staff

Cathy Gillett, a New Hampshire native who was in town for the National Democratic Committee meeting, folds clothes in SafePlace's warehouse.

SafePlace hosts projects for National Day of Service

By Priscilla Pelli
Daily Texan Staff

Globs of paint, helping hands and smiles surrounded SafePlace, a domestic violence and sexual abuse center in Austin on Friday morning.

Members of the Democratic National Committee joined area residents to volunteer at SafePlace as part of President Barack Obama's National Day of Service.

During a speech he delivered Friday morning, Obama declared Sept. 11 a national day of service in order to commemorate the thousands of lives lost eight years ago.

Approximately 30 committee

members participated in three service projects for the domestic violence and abuse organization. The projects included the creation of nearly 1,000 portable first-aid kits, painting the laundry room and building furniture for the center.

Julia Spann, executive director of the organization, discussed the benefits of the volunteers participating in community service at the center.

"[The volunteers] who came to work came from all across the United States for the Democratic National Committee," Spann said. "They ranged from all ages from student volunteers to people who have been in politics for a long

time. It was really nice that they recognized that it was an opportunity to volunteer and give back."

The 30 volunteers assisted at the center from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Attendees included Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine and his wife. Kaine, who frequently visits Austin, attended the event to support Spann, his longtime friend.

"The vision of SafePlace is a community free of rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence," Spann said. "We rely on volunteers, like all non-profits, to do these sorts of projects."

Matt Curtis, spokesman for Leffingwell, described the ben-

efits of participating in the National Day of Service.

"Mayor Leffingwell truly believes that Austinites can take this plot to remember the tragedy and see the good things we can do for one another," Curtis said. "More than anything, Mayor Leffingwell uses community service as a way to give back, and it gives us the opportunity to remember those who lost their lives."

The center provides numerous services for the domestic violence and sexual abuse victims including a 24-hour hot line, an escort to accompany rape survivors to the

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referred Perez for the assessment. According to Logan's report, officers had documented problems in Perez's performance and were seeking information about the psychological underpinnings involved.

"The primary problem for this officer is a fundamental impairment in his ability to take in and process information," Logan said in her report. "He has a defensive style in which he blocks access to feedback from the outside." Perez's attorney Derek Howard said the review and Perez's resignation came after a January 2005 incident in which Perez responded to a domestic disturbance call.

Perez said that when he arrived on scene, the woman who made the call was in her van in the home's driveway and her husband was inside the home. He said while interviewing the woman, Senior Police Officer Robert Paranych arrived, but that he indiscreetly parked in front of the house.

Perez said the woman's husband walked out of the house toward his truck to leave. Perez said he stopped the man on the front sidewalk and interviewed him without Paranych coming forth to participate. Paranych grew impatient and came up from behind the man and put him into a full head nelson, which is against APD policy, Perez said.

"There [was] no way I [could] cuff him; the officer put such a hold on him that it was unreasonable," Perez said. "At point-blank range, [Paranych] says 'Tase him, tase him right in the chest. No, you know what, we will take him down ...' Did [Paranych] esca-

late something that shouldn't have been escalated? I believe so."

Perez said he did not comply with the senior police officer's order to tase the 55-year-old man, saying that during his training, he was taught not to apply excessive force.

"He was essentially ordered [to do] something he deemed completely unnecessary," Howard said. "The supervisor characterizes [Perez's] refusal to use the Taser as insubordination and sent him to the policy psychologist."

At the time of the review in March 2005, Perez was an APD rookie within his probationary period. He graduated from the police academy in 2004 and was awarded the Ernie Hinkle Humanitarian Award for integrity, compassion and leadership.

Logan said in the report that Perez "has a well-developed set of personal beliefs" and that they "seem to be based primarily on his religious beliefs." Her report refers to Perez's pursuit of writing a leadership book based on his Christian beliefs and his participation with congregations in the Austin area.

"As admirable as these beliefs may be, they seem to play a role in his defensiveness in that they provide him with a rationale for explaining how his views differ with others, and at times, he seems to imply that he may have moral superiority over others with whom he must interact," Logan said in her report.

A police board reviewed Perez's employment before in April 2005. Perez said he was given two options: either resign and keep his license or get fired. He said Brown led him to believe that if he was fired, he would never be able to work again as a police officer, so he chose resignation.

"The city of Austin and the defendants in this case deny that Mr. Perez was discriminated against because of his religious beliefs," said city attorney Chris Edwards. "The defendants will show at trial that they had legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons, including Mr. Perez's poor job performance, for any actions they took with respect to Mr. Perez."

After filing the lawsuit, the city, representing Zahara, Brown and Logan, moved for summary judgment based on qualified immunity, which frees government officials from liability for the violation of a person's constitutional rights. It took a year for the district court to deny the city's request, after which the city appealed the decision to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which took another year for a decision.

"Although they couch their arguments in various legal forms, defendants essentially quibble with the district court's determination that there is a genuine factual issue as to the reasons for Perez's termination," said circuit judges in their appeal response. "If a jury accepted Perez's version of the genuinely disputed fact issue ... then defendants would have violated Perez's clearly established constitutional rights under the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment."

A trial date has not been set yet, but Perez said he intends on seeing the issue through.

"Justice will prevail. There are going to be productive changes," Perez said. "Our victory — my victory — here is also the city's victory because the shadows of power that are in the department will be exposed."

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hospital, crisis services and legal advocacy. Other healing services include mental counseling and housing.

Jason Rae was one of the com-

mittee members who volunteered at SafePlace on Friday.

"We push the chairmen at each DNC meeting to do community service, so we have a chance to do service and give back," Rae said. "That way, we can leave our

impact in other ways."

Rae has been a committee member for five years and has participated in other service projects across the country including disaster relief in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

SOUND WAVES



Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Musicians are reflected in a shallow puddle outside Barton Springs Pool on Sunday evening.

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energizes me; it's exciting. I think the UT law students, especially the ones who already know they want to go into criminal law, they're very engaged."

Between her experience and

her passion for the law, Sage and her team believe she has a leg up against Crain and Brown.

"As a judge in Travis County, dealing with serious crimes and serious criminals, I don't think she's going to be afraid to put them away if they're guilty or

let them go if they're not," Wick said. "When you look at what it takes to be a judge, you need knowledge of the court system, knowledge of the law and a passion for justice. Every day of her life for the past 20 years she has pursued justice."

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exams were also proposed in the memo for beginning foreign language students to decrease the number of students in lower division classes and allow more investments in upper division courses.

Diehl had no comment on the details of intensive language instruction or the possibility of a pass/fail grading system.

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese was asked to cut 30 percent — or \$600,000 — of its budget for instructional positions, Shumway said.

"We're trying to devise a program that will meet these budget cuts but will also preserve the academic integrity of our program," Shumway said.

Along with the Department of Italian and French, the Spanish and Portuguese department enrolls about 70 percent of language students in the college.

"There will be a reduction in

teaching staff. That's inevitable, and that's going to be extremely difficult," he said.

Shumway said moving to a pass/fail grading system for language courses and shifting to an intensive language model have been discussed within the college, but he has not been involved in those talks himself.

"We wouldn't support it," he said.

Shumway said as far as he is concerned, nothing has been decided.

He said he did not know of another university that exclusively uses intensive language courses for beginning students. But the College of Liberal Arts already has two examples of intensive language instruction. Its flagship language programs in Arabic and Hindi/Urdu are both nationally ranked programs that use six hours of classroom instruction in the first two semesters.

Italian and French Chairwoman Daniela Bini said she is still hoping to convince the college not to move to a two semester language requirement.

Bini's department has been asked to cut 30 percent — \$300,000 — of its instructional staff budget.

She said that given the tragic consequences for lecturers who could lose their jobs next year, she expected more communication from the offices of the president and provost.

"Before making a decision of

this gravity, more people should be involved, more faculty should be involved," Bini said.

She said the department does not know how the potential changes could impact the quality of language instruction but condensing four semesters of instruction into two could require rewriting the curriculum and possibly adopting new textbooks.

She said she worried that a pass/fail grading system would remove an incentive for high performance in class.

Diehl said that although the budget cuts would have a significant impact on the language departments, the biggest cuts were ordered in the largest social science departments. The economics and psychology departments are cutting 33 percent of their budgets for non-tenure track positions.

While UT's allocation of state funds increased slightly during the 81st legislative session, the University of California System has made more than \$300 million in budget cuts as that state manages a fiscal crisis. UC System President Mark Yudof — a former UT System Chancellor — has predicted the System will have to operate with 600 million fewer dollars next year.

"For all of our budgetary issues we are still, relatively speaking, much better off than other universities — certainly the University of California System," he said. "We're having to cut and reallocate: They're having to just cut."

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This June 29 photo shows Gianni Bisoli during an interview in Verona, Italy. Bisoli has accused Verona's late bishop, Monsignor Giuseppe Carraro, who is being considered for beatification, of molesting him while he was a student at Verona's Provolo Institute for the deaf.

Italy grapples with priest sex abuse

By Nicole Winfield
The Associated Press
VERONA, Italy — It happened night after night, the deaf man said, sometimes in the priest's bedroom, sometimes in the bathroom, even in the confessional.

When he was a young boy at a Catholic-run institute for the deaf, Alessandro Vantini said, priests sodomized him so relentlessly he came to feel "as if I were dead." This year, he and dozens of other former students did something highly unusual for Italy: They went public with claims they were forced to perform sex acts with priests.

For decades, a culture of silence has surrounded priest abuse in Italy, where surveys show the church is considered one of the country's most respected institutions.

Vantini's one-time schoolmate, Gianni Bisoli, 60, named the same men in his written declaration and in an interview, as well as 12 other priests and brothers from the Congregation, accusing them of sodomizing him, forcing him to have oral sex and to masturbate them.

In his declaration, Bisoli also accused Verona's late bishop, Monsignor Giuseppe Carraro — who is being considered for beatification — of molesting him on five sepa-

rate occasions while he was a student at Provolo, which he attended from age 9 to 15.

A yearlong Associated Press tally has documented 73 cases with allegations of sexual abuse by priests against minors over the past decade in Italy, with more than 235 victims.

According to the AP tally, the Italian church has so far had to pay only a few hundred thousand euros (dollars) in civil damages to the victims, compared to \$2.6 billion in abuse-related costs for the American diocese or €1.1 billion (\$1.5 billion) due to victims in Ireland.

The numbers point to an increas-

ing willingness among the Italian public and — slowly — within the Vatican itself to look squarely at a tragedy where the reported cases may only just be the tip of the iceberg. The Italian church will not release the numbers of cases reported or of court settlements.

Vantini said he was silent for years.

"How could I tell my papa that a priest had sex with me?" Vantini, 59, told the AP one afternoon, recounting through a sign-language interpreter the abuse he said he endured. "You couldn't tell your parents because the priests would beat you."

Lack of general doctors threatens health care reform

By Steve LeBlanc
The Associated Press
BOSTON — When Dr. Robert Flaherty launched a private practice in 2001, he soon found himself cramming in as many patients as possible to make ends meet, leaving little time to discuss with them the steps they could take to prevent future health troubles.

"I constantly felt that conflict of going faster than I should," said Flaherty, 40, of Mashpee, who gave up his practice after four years for a hospital post. "Everyone knows if you want to make a decent living, become a specialist; if you want to be banging your head, go into primary care."

Among the many hurdles facing President Barack Obama's plan to revamp the nation's health care system is a shortage of primary care physicians — those legions of overworked doctors who provide the front line of medical care for both the sick and those hoping to stay healthy.

As Massachusetts' experience shows, extending health care to 50 million uninsured Americans will only further stress the system and could force many of those newly insured back into costly emergency rooms for routine care if they can't find a primary care doctor, health care observers said.

Massachusetts, home of the nation's most ambitious health care law, has seen the need for primary care doctors shoot up with the addition of 428,000 people to the ranks of the insured under a 2006 law that mandates health care for nearly all residents.

To keep up with the demand for primary care doctors, the country will need to add another 40,000 to the existing 100,000 doctors over the next decade or face a soaring backlog, according to Dr. Ted Epperly, president of the Kansas-based American Academy of Family Physicians.

"It's like giving everyone free bus passes, but there are only two buses," he said.

The need for more primary care doctors comes as the country's shortage of all doctors is expected to worsen, according to a study by the Association of American Medical Colleges, which found the rate of first-year enrollees in U.S. medical schools has declined steadily since 1980.

If current patterns persist, the study shows the country will have about 159,000 fewer doctors than it needs by 2025.

A raft of ideas has been proposed to ease that pressure — from boosting loan repayment programs for medical students studying primary care to narrowing the salary gap between primary care doctors and specialists like brain surgeons and cardiologists.

All the efforts have a single objective — increasing the number of primary care doctors to give them more time with the patients who need them the most.

As part of his health care overhaul, Obama has stressed the need to "elevate the profile of family care physicians and nurses as opposed to just the specialists who are typically going to make more money."

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Drawing a line in the sand

On Friday, hundreds of conservatives protested outside the Texas Capitol in the pouring rain. The intention of the protest was to send a message to the members of the Democratic National Committee that were meeting in Austin. Texas Republican Party Chairwoman Tina Benkiser told the Austin American-Statesman the aim of the protest was to tell the DNC members to “crawl back to the left-wing socialist pit they came from and keep their hands off Texas.” Protesters held signs reading, “You lie, You lie, You lie,”—a reference to South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson’s outburst during President Obama’s health care speech Wednesday evening.

We respect the right to protest, but the tactics used by the conservatives at this protest were self-defeating as they only succeeded in dividing individuals with opposing views further, rather than convincing others to sympathize with their cause. Showing a complete disrespect for those with opposing views contributes nothing to the conservative argument and likely only motivates the DNC. But alas, perhaps the aim of the protest was to create even more tension between the two sides. As Lathan Watts, a Texas Republican House Committee trustee said at the protest, “Today is the day Texas Republicans draw a line in sand.”

Very dramatic.



Protecting journalists

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which includes Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, plans to vote on the Free Flow of Information Act this week. If the committee sends the legislation to the full Senate, the act will protect journalists from legal pressure to reveal the identities of their confidential sources.

This act is part of a national movement to protect journalists from being forced to divulge their sources or face imprisonment. This spring, Gov. Rick Perry signed the Texas Free Flow of Information Act into law, making Texas the 37th state with a shield law.

The ability to deal closely with confidential, anonymous sources is central to journalism. Sources that can help journalists get crucial information to the public are much less willing to talk when they know that what they divulge to a journalist can make them the subject of an investigation.

If passed, this act will free journalists nationwide to do their jobs better. We hope Sen. Cornyn votes in favor of the Free Flow of Information Act.



Lying politicians

After a week of silence, Gov. Rick Perry said Friday that he had nothing to do with the resignation of Texas Tech University System Regent Mark Griffin, according to the Austin-American Statesman.

Griffin begs to differ, and claims that his support of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison cost him the regent seat. He said that after he showed support for Hutchison, Perry’s former chief of staff told him that the governor expects his appointees to be loyal.

Griffin resigned shortly after.

Apparently the only loyalty for Perry is blind loyalty. While this sort of maneuvering is not unexpected in politics, Perry and Griffin’s blatantly contradictory stories adds another note of bitterness: blatant dishonesty.



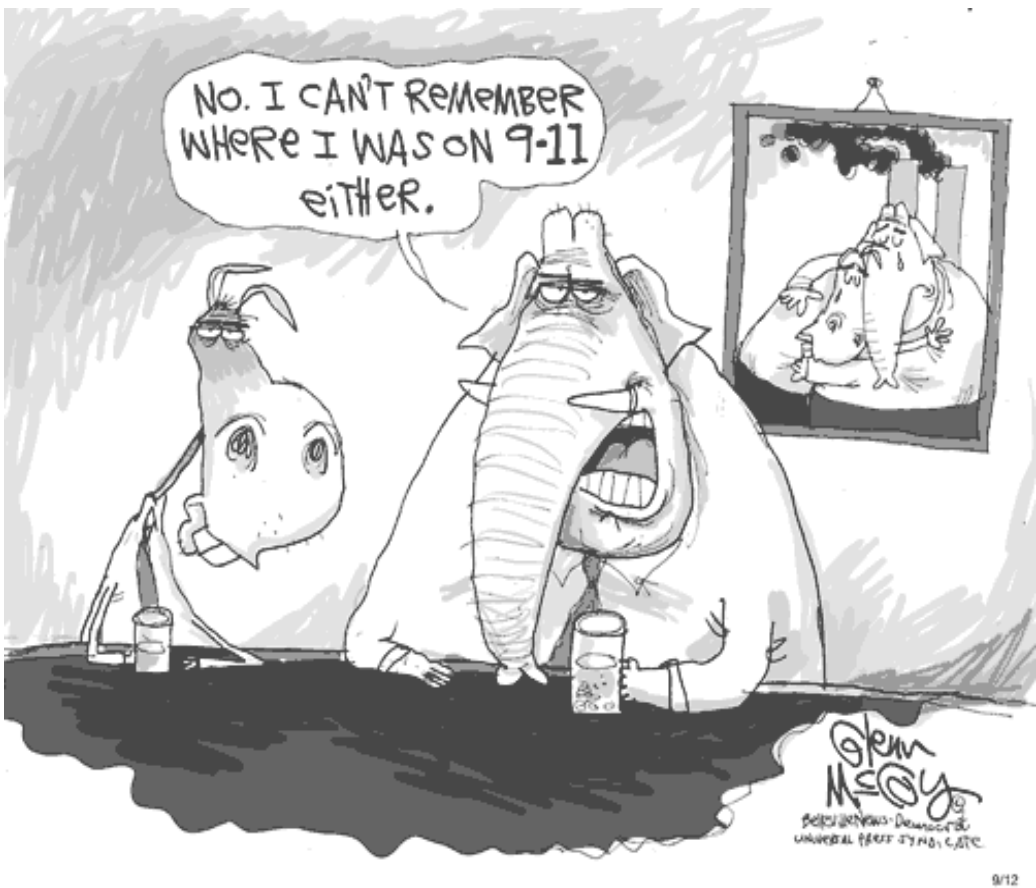
Perry’s flip-flopping

Gov. Rick Perry has sent specially-trained Texas Ranger Reconnaissance Teams and around 200 Texas National Guard troops to “hot spots” along the Texas-Mexico border, according to McAllen’s The Monitor. The destinations of the troops were not announced in order to protect the integrity of the mission, but Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos said he wouldn’t prematurely judge the governors decision, as he may have intelligence that the southernmost counties in the state don’t.

While the security of our border is crucial to the safety of our state, the troops’ presence will cost the Legislature. Using his standard line of reasoning, Perry blamed the federal government for the decision. He said he sent the troops because the federal government has yet to respond to his request to pay for 1,000 National Guard troops and resources.

At the same time, Perry denied \$555 million in federal money while insulting the federal government with talks of secession and claims of poor money management. The money to pay for the troops will now come from the state, as Texas continues to struggle with funding other projects.

GALLERY



It’s time for Americans to talk about war

By Roberto Cervantes
Daily Texan Columnist

Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. is the resting place of the most recent war casualties. Here, those who fought and died in Afghanistan and Iraq join the fallen veterans of centuries-old American wars.

At the head of every mound, an identification card is spiked into the soil; it documents the details of the person buried there. Everything looks the same, at least on the surface.

But a closer look at those resting here — and the larger consequences of two wars and their casualties thus far — forces us to face our inexcusable detachment from these conflicts, and at just the right time.

With each row of headstones aligned perfectly and not a single blade of grass out of place, a sense of eternal judgment fills the air — that in their deaths, as in their lives, the fallen are nothing less than perfect.

A woman sits in the distance. Just behind her, fresh dirt lies in perfectly formed mounds with fresh flowers draped over each pile. The woman, sitting on a lawn chair and holding a book in her hands, is facing a particular headstone.

Rosaries, small bottles of Holy Water and crucifixes delicately rest on the grass surrounding the headstone. The woman has been here before and performed this ritual often. There is a purpose to having every-

thing in its place in this hallowed space, and she knows it.

“Eric William Herzberg,” the engraving on the headstone reads. It was her son or husband, I think to myself, as she continues to write in her journal. She pauses suddenly and looks up at the sky, and that’s when I approach her.

She says he is her son, a lance corporal in the Marines, who was killed in Iraq in October 2006. He wasn’t a year out of boot camp when a sniper on a roadside in Iraq shot him. She speaks about “my Eric” in both the past and present — a coping mechanism of sorts.

She knows they’ll meet again, but “it’s the waiting that’s hard,” she says. Until then, she writes him letters in her journal when she visits, which has become more sporadic as time passes, she says. That is, except for Sundays — when she, without fail, visits him with her lawn chair and spreads rosaries across the perfect grass.

For as long as this cemetery has existed, that perfect grass has never seemed to come to an end. It’s a depressing reminder that conflict will likely never cease, and that the endless hills of grass today will turn into plots for graves tomorrow. Because of that truth, we will always have to find a way to deal.

That includes finding a way to talk about the realities of war — something that has proven difficult. For instance, the Associated Press was roundly condemned earlier this month by the Defense Depart-

ment and a slew of other media outlets for publishing a graphic photo of a Marine in the final stages of his life — against the wishes of the soldier’s family.

The debate on the future of American involvement in Afghanistan is white hot in Washington. Everyone seems to have an opinion, and for good reason. The New York Times reported Friday that the Obama administration is weighing its options when it comes to increasing American combat troops in Afghanistan, at the recommendation of the top commander in that country.

Some congressional democrats have already signaled their willingness to break with President Obama if he chooses to increase the number of troops.

What’s going to come of all of this will be nothing compared to what has happened already. Questions of war and peace have a tendency of haunting us in cycles. They’re coming back now, and with a vengeance.

American citizens have ignored the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq for too long — and those many years of complacency will not treat our sensibilities nicely.

Like a movie we walked out of halfway, it would be naive and utterly stupid of us to be surprised when we come back after health care reform and expect to see anything close to a Hollywood ending.

Cervantes is a government and journalism junior studying in Washington, D.C. for the fall semester

GALLERY



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THE FIRING LINE

The fragrance of freshness

In response to Benjamin Miller’s Sept. 11 column, “The Stench of Freshness” — did Miller get snubbed by a few freshmen girls to make him so bitter? Granted, he is a sophomore, so I guess that makes him infinitely wiser and more experienced than those poor, naive, miserable little freshmen.

While their stench of optimism and excitement may be disgusting to him, his holier-than-thou attitude is positively acrid to those of us who appreciate the new faces around campus who will someday be leaders of our country right along side of him and I and every Longhorn.

— Nicole Smith
Neurobiology senior

Why I write about pollution

By Emily Grubert
Daily Texan Columnist

I like trains. It’s partially because of some deep-seated love of intricate and large moving things, and partially for the same reason that I like tempeh: Riding trains is a pretty sweet, occasionally alarming way to be “that environmentalist dude.” If you’re like me and study power plants and climate, it’s a great way to get the sneaky tour of major industrial facilities that rely mostly on train tracks to bring them their daily shipments of coal, gravel or whatever else they might need.

It was a somewhat dark and relatively stormy afternoon in Austin. After accidentally landing in a two-foot-deep puddle, I clambered up what I thought was a storm drain and landed, dripping and triumphant, at the Austin Amtrak station.

In keeping with one of those characteristics of a rail that you only really understand when it’s making you late, a stalled freight train on the single-track line meant the passenger train could not enter the Austin block. A block is a miles-long section of rail that only one train is allowed to be on at once. Other trains have to pull onto sidings (sections

of track that are kind of like highway turnouts) or just wait.

We were only delayed about half an hour, which is negligible when you’re on a 40-hour ride, and especially negligible when you consider that Amtrak builds in exactly that kind of delay into most of their schedules. Because passenger rail utilization is low outside of the Northeast, Amtrak generally uses other operators’ tracks.

In practice, what this means is that if a coal train comes by, Amtrak waits for it. When taking into account that a reasonably-sized coal-fired power plant requires about a hundred train cars worth of coal per day, that the train takes about five minutes to pass when fully loaded, and that only one train is allowed per block, it’s not difficult to understand why passenger trains are often either hours early or hours late. It’s an infrastructure issue.

Since passenger trains use freight lines, and since coal is freight, and coal-fired power plants need to get the coal somehow, you pass through a lot of power plant yards along the Amtrak routes. Austin — which owns 100 rail cars of its own to transport coal — poses no exception: The City of Austin Power Plant is right by the Amtrak station.

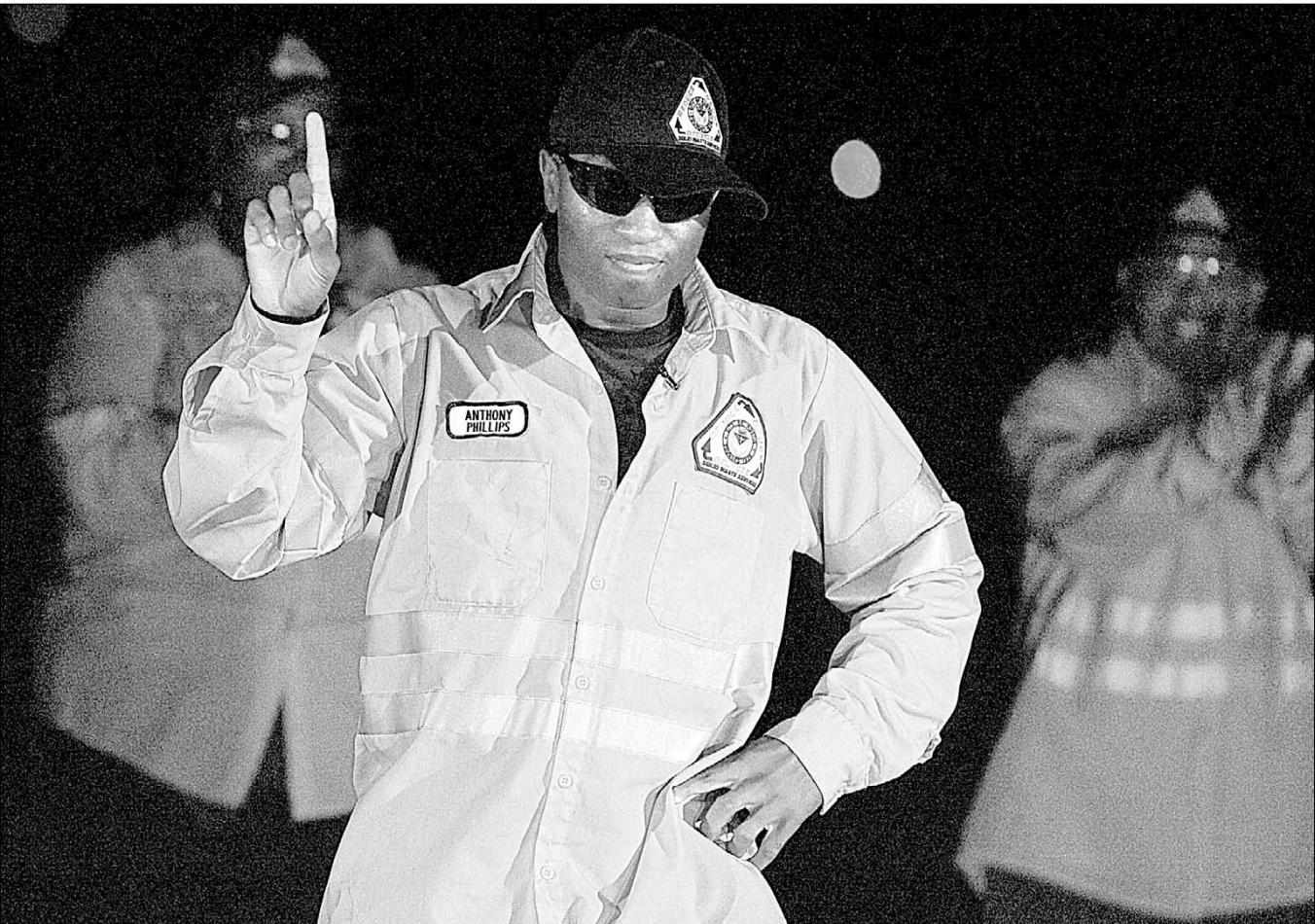
In the rain, it looks appropriately 1950s-horror-movie, with the “City of Austin Power Plant” label in almost Soviet font, backlit by an ethereal red glow.

There’s a lot going on to keep the city, country and world running. However, it’s not always obvious what’s going on, even to the people who are in charge of all these systems. I suppose that’s the definition of a complex system: a collection of parts too complicated for any one single person to really understand.

Like I mentioned, I study energy and climate, and I am continually shocked at how difficult it is to make decisions that gel with one’s feelings about the best use of resources. Whether living in a tree or drilling in deepwater for the fun of it, it’s hard to know what the impact of your choices really is. As an individual, as a school, as a government, there really doesn’t seem to be any level of decision-making that’s immune from complexity.

I’m a new Monday columnist for the Texan, and I’m here to question and comment on the general solution to pollution: illusion and confusion. Hope you enjoy.

Grubert is a graduate student in energy and Earth resources



Anthony Phillips, a City of Austin Solid Wastes Services employee, dances Saturday night during “The Trash Project” at Austin Studios on 51st Street. “The Trash Project” is designed to show off the artistic side of trash collection.

Dumpster dance enlightens fans

By Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

Everyone has heard the catchy songs from “West Side Story.” The lyrics from “The Sound of Music” roll right off the tongue. Even the tunes of “High School Musical” ring familiar.

Another musical production may now be added to this list, even though it’s pure trash. Literally.

“The Trash Project” is the latest production number from Forklift Danceworks, an award-winning, Austin-based dance company that creates projects with people and companies of all backgrounds. The group’s performance Saturday at Austin Studios Tarmac was a large-scale dance production that involved dozens of employees and 15 vehicles from Austin’s Solid Waste Services Department.

The featured songs showcased their work and informed the audience about waste reduction.

The workers performed in the rain for a maximum-capacity crowd of 700. Many spectators had to be turned away as there were no seats available.

Charlie Prafton drove in from Georgetown to see the performance.

“It was like nothing I’ve ever seen before,” he said. “I never thought garbage men had the ability to sing and dance like they did tonight.”

Prafton said he gained a new appreciation for the work that city employees do each day.

Allison Orr directed and choreographed the production and has been planning the event for more than two years.

“I’ve been wanting to do this project for years,” she said. “I felt like when I watched the [waste service employees] come down the street each day that there was something truly artistic to the way they did their jobs.”

This is the largest production from Orr, who has also worked on projects involving gondoliers in Venice, Italy and dog walkers in Washington, D.C.

Other notable Austin artists were also involved with the project. Graham Reynolds, award-winning musician and composer, created an original musical score that incorporated recordings of trash machinery with live pieces on piano, violin and cello. Local filmmaker Andy Garrison has been shadowing Orr for the past year, creating a documentary film about the event.

Tony Dudley, a Solid Waste Services Department employee who cleans dead animals off the streets, was one of the workers involved with the production.

“It was a good thing for people to learn how hard [waste service] work is,” he said. “It’s a lot more than just emptying a trash can every morning.”

Many of the workers praised Orr’s efforts in bringing the project together.

“I even had her pick up a dead animal one time,” Dudley said.

Orr said she doesn’t know what her next project will be, but said she was glad to have the opportunity to work with civic employees.

“These are the people that audience members can truly relate to,” she said.

Discovery of ice fuels speculation about Martian life

By Nehal Patel
Daily Texan Staff

Mars, Earth’s arid red neighbor, may have had a more active past than previously believed.

UT research scientist John Holt and his team have found large reserves of ice buried under rock near the mid-latitudes of Mars, which could mean the planet was once flowing with water.

“We haven’t found any evidence of liquid water on Mars yet,” said Holt, who presented his findings Friday. “But it is a possibility.”

Holt is a scientist on the Shallow Subsurface Radar instrument team of the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

NASA launched the orbiter in 2005 to seek out the existence of water on Mars, according to the NASA Web site. One of the orbiter’s main scientific instruments is the Shallow Subsurface Radar, which scans beneath the planet’s crust for water by sending out bursts of energy that reflect off of surfaces, similar to the way bats navigate with echo location, Holt said.

“It’s fascinating how [the radar] can create such detailed images of something trapped underneath layers of dirt and rock,” said geological sciences professor Jay Banner. “It really is a remarkable technological feat.”

Finding subsurface water on Mars is crucial for evaluating the possibility of life on the planet, Holt said.

“Life as we know it is dependent on water,” he said. “Where there is water, we could find habitats, and finding life on Mars would be huge.”

The radar located ice at the middle latitudes of the planet, between 30 and 60 degrees in the northern and southern hemispheres, where the formation of water or ice should not be physically possible.

“Water is completely unstable in the Mars atmosphere and should sublimate at that region,” Holt said. “But the ice sheet is feasible due to variations in the planet’s spin axis, which we believed changed from 15 to 35 degrees over a period of one million years.”

The radar also discovered a 2-kilometer-thick stack of dust and ice roughly the size of Texas at the northern pole of the planet. The composition of these polar layered deposits is approximately 95 percent ice.

“There seems to be enough ice in the deposits to cover the entire surface of Mars in about 30 feet of water,” Holt said.

The water could have formed billions of years ago when scientists believe Mars was a warm planet similar to Earth.

“At some point in the past, Mars was probably warmer and there was water in the atmosphere — rivers and lakes,” Holt said. “Then the planet became colder because of some type of drastic change that we haven’t discovered yet. This might have shut off the planet’s magnetic field that protected the atmosphere. Once the magnetic field was gone, solar winds stripped away the atmosphere along with most of the planet’s water.”

The frozen reserves of water could provide the raw material needed to make oxygen for breathing and hydrogen for fuel, but putting men on Mars is still a long way away, Holt said.

“It would probably take a 20-year mission to put man on Mars,” he said. “When new administrations take office, it makes missions harder to implement because we have to start plans all over again. We’d need a 20-year long presidency.”


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El Paso security project may earn federal funding

By Lena Price
Daily Texan Staff

The Center for Border Security and Defense System Research at the University of Texas at El Paso may receive \$2 million from the federal government to develop more efficient video monitoring and radar equipment.

The center has been working with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to determine what it needs to maximize security.

"The information is the result of an assessment of the needs of border patrol officers," said center director Oscar Perez. "About five priorities emerged for the El Paso center."

Many of the projects are still in the research phase. One of the main goals of the center is to create a video camera with dramatically enhanced visual detection.

"With some of the cameras in use today, the image may look a little blurry because of heat or other interference from the atmosphere," Perez said. "We're working on developing an algorithm that would take care of that problem."

The new video cameras may be sophisticated enough to remove atmospheric interference from the screen in real time.

In addition to camera technology, the scientists at the center are researching a better radar system, stronger fence protection and improvements to unattended ground sensors.

"We're working on ways to integrate all of these technologies for the best results," Perez said.

The money would be invested in hardware to develop prototypes for the projects currently in progress.

"Border patrol technologies are constantly changing," Perez said. "Within a few years, it's old, and it's not meeting the requirements. It takes funds to stay ahead."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison advocated for the grant money in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The budget passed in committee and will be put before the full U.S. Senate on Sept. 30.

"Ideally, the appropriations bill will be finished by then, but it's not a sure thing," said Hutchison spokesman Gene Diamond.

"We will need to wait for the bill to be passed on the Senate floor. It will be reconciled with the House version and signed into law before the funding is final."

UTEP was selected to receive the grant money because it is positioned close to the midpoint of the U.S.-Mexico border and because it is home to Fort Bliss, one of the largest Army bases in the U.S.

"UTEP is positioned to do research that will bring value to border security and homeland defense," Diamond said.



Nine-year-old Raychel Johnson picks up trash at the 15th Annual Lake Travis Underwater and Shoreline Cleanup at Mansfield Dam Park on Sunday as Scubaland Adventure Divers surface for a break.

Volunteer divers help clean lake

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Intermittent patches of bubbles broke the surface of Lake Travis, followed by the dark form of a scuba diver carrying a bag of trash gathered from the murky depths.

Others, with their trash bags weaving through weeds and over rocks, picking up debris exposed by the receding waters at the 15th annual Lake Travis Underwater and Shoreline Cleanup on Sunday morning. Local businesses and non-profits came together to clean the lake from top to bottom.

"The amount of trash has gone down over the years that we've collected," said Brian Block, executive director of Keep Austin Beautiful, one of the organizing groups. "Several years ago, we collected as much as 10 tons, and it's gone down to about five or six."

The event began with a small group of divers but has grown in support. Along with Keep Austin Beautiful, the Colorado River Foundation, Travis County, the Lower Colorado River Authority and various local dive shops help organize and sponsor the event.

Volunteers were sent to more than 10 locations around the lake during the cleanup. Employees and owners of participating scuba shops served as the coordinators at each cleanup site, facilitating the volunteers and divers. Due to the drought and low water levels, trash and debris that have been covered since the last big drought in the 1950s had resurfaced, giving volunteers a brief look into the past. Numerous vintage beer cans were collected from the water's edge, as well as fragments of old boats.

Lonnie Moore, president of the Protect Lake Travis Association,

said the low lake levels have actually contributed to the cleanup's success.

"We are taking advantage of the drought," he said. "The lake is down more than 30 feet from average, so it gives us an opportunity to clean things we wouldn't normally be able to see."

Following the cleanup, the trash was taken to Emerald Point Marina to be sorted. Next door, volunteers gathered at Carlos 'n Charlie's for complimentary burgers and hot dogs. In addition, volunteers were given T-shirts and tickets entering them in a raffle.

"People are doing community service, but we also make it fun and celebrate their accomplishments," Block said.

Every year, volunteers are invited to participate in a contest for the most unusual find, which is judged in the last hour of the celebration portion of the event.

This year, strange finds entered in the contest included a tattered newspaper from 1951, a metal shoe and an old, rusted propeller.

But this is just a glimpse of the diverse artifacts people recover during the cleanups. Kevin Arnold, former president of the University Scuba Club, said cleaning participants have found items ranging from drug paraphernalia to skimpy underwear and satellite dishes.

Tara Akins, development associate for the Colorado River Foundation, said over the last 14 years, the event has brought out 14,000 volunteers and 70 tons of garbage. She said Lakeway and Volente have now organized similar, but smaller cleanups.

"Our short-term goal is to clean up trash," she said. "Over time, the public awareness campaign is what's important."

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FOOTBALL COLUMN

Stumble in Wyoming could result in a BCS fall

By Michael Sherfield
Daily Texan Columnist

LARAMIE, Wyo. — As the weary, bruised yet victorious Texas team slowly completed its trudge off the War Memorial Stadium turf and headed into the bowels of the old structure, lineman Tray Allen summed up what they were all probably thinking.

"Let's get the hell out of here and get back to Texas," he said, disappearing into the locker room.

Going home was about the only positive thing the Longhorns probably thought about a few hours earlier as they ground out a nightmarish first half, finally pulling away from those pesky Cowboys with a third quarter more fitting of the No. 2 team in the nation — for now at least.

Texas players and coaches will tell you they did what they had to do, which was win on the road in a tough environment. Yet they didn't do what they were supposed to do — crush Wyoming like the non-BCS team they are. And so that phrase comes up again: style points.

As No. 3 Southern California was busy overcoming No. 8 Ohio State in the Horseshoe, one could only wonder about the impact those little words would have on the Longhorns' season.

It's a lesson that's all too familiar to most of these players and certainly to head coach Mack Brown, who is quick to dismiss any talk about the BCS and voters. When last year's three-way tie atop the Big 12 South turned into a beauty pageant between Oklahoma and Texas, the Sooners' margin of victory and clinical blowouts of so-called "lesser" teams proved to be the difference. While the Longhorns had the substance — a 10-point win over the Sooners — their resume wasn't enough to sway voters, drawn like a moth to a flame to OU's all-time great offensive numbers.

And one bad half against Wyoming wasn't even Texas' biggest Cowboy-related problem Saturday afternoon. Back in the comfortable altitudes of the Big 12, No. 5 Oklahoma State took its own nosedive off the BCS platform, falling at home to unranked Houston and dragging down Texas' resume with them.

It's a hit Texas can hardly afford to take after OU already lost to BYU, drowning both of the Longhorns' key matchups in an otherwise watered down schedule in the all-seeing eyes of voters.

Well, they see the rankings and the scores at least, which brings up an old question: if a tree falls in a forest and no one hears it, does it make a sound? With the 31-point margin of victory still looking pretty on the box scores and the game only broadcast on the Versus network, will Texas' game grade out better than it looked?

Only time, voters and complex computer-based algorithms can answer that one. So until Texas falls in the polls to an overrated USC team, just be glad they won at all after two weeks of college football that have already seen nine top-25 teams fall.

And at the very least, be glad you can go back to Texas.

VOLLEYBALL - NO. 2 TEXAS 3, ITALIAN A2 0; TEXAS 4, A2 1

Weekend sweep gives Elliot chance to try young talent

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

Texas opened its home schedule this weekend in a rare two-match exhibition series against the Italian A2 National team in Gregory Gym. The fact that these matches were exhibition games (wins and losses wouldn't be recorded) gave Texas head coach Jerrett Elliott room to coach differently than he normally would.

"We tried to play a lot of different people in different line-ups," Elliott said after Friday's match. "We gave some quality playing time to some people who haven't played as much."

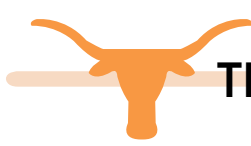
It was in the third set when Elliott took advantage of the fact that it was only an exhibition match. He pulled many of the starters, making way for some

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Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Members of Texas' second-ranked volleyball team celebrate after a point in Saturday's match against the Italian A2 National team.



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Longhorns buck tough Cowboys

Texas offense fizzles in first half but returns with a vengeance down stretch

By Michael Sherfield
Daily Texan Staff

LARAMIE, Wyo. — For 28 first-half minutes, Colt McCoy looked human. His throws sailed over open receivers, his offense sputtered and his team was losing, inconceivably, to Wyoming.

Then, for one minute and eight seconds, he was virtually perfect. Somehow, that was good enough for a halftime lead and an eventual 41-10 win.

With one seemingly impossible catch and run, breaking free of tacklers and sprinting for the end zone, James Kirkendoll pirouetted his way 26 yards downfield after McCoy found him streaking across the middle of the field for a crucial score, pulling Texas out of its tailspin and on the path to a hard-fought road victory.

Kirkendoll's score was the cap on a drive that saw McCoy complete five of six passes, moving the offense forward in the dying seconds of the first half for a momentum-changing touchdown and putting the Longhorns up 13-10 at the break after 30 minutes.

They followed that up with three more scores on their next four possessions, putting the game out of reach with a 21-point third quarter after being in danger of an upset 15 minutes earlier.

"You have to give Wyoming all kinds of credit," McCoy said. "We couldn't do anything in the first half. We dropped balls, I made some bad decisions ... Being able to score right before the half and right after was really good, that was a momentum swing for us."

Before running out of steam in the second half, the Cowboy defense gave the Longhorns all they could handle.

Texas was held to three points and one-of-five on third downs in the first quarter. Wyoming also forced two key three and outs, pushing the Longhorns into huge errors in the kicking game that accounted for all 10 Cowboys points.

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Defense shines for team that had trouble on other side of the ball in Laramie

By Blake Hurtik
Daily Texan Staff

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Sergio Kindle had to think for a moment when asked about why Texas had such a slow start against Wyoming Saturday.

He suggested it may have taken the second-ranked Longhorns a quarter or two to adjust to the thin air at War Memorial Stadium, which sits at 7,200 feet above sea level.

But the senior defensive end should have directed those questions to an offensive or special teams player because Texas' defense dominated the Cowboys, even when the Longhorns briefly



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Above, Texas wide receiver James Kirkendoll runs through the Wyoming defense during Texas' 41-10 win on Saturday. Kirkendoll led the Longhorns with 102 yards receiving. Below, Texas defensive back Chykie Brown swats a pass away from Wyoming receiver David Leonard.



trailed in the second quarter.

That's not to say the defense didn't get fired up by an emotional halftime, though.

"We all got emotional," said cornerback Aaron Williams. "It's not just one person."

But when all else appeared to be

going wrong, it was the 11 on defense that were there time and time again to bail out the offense and special teams for mistakes they made.

When punter Justin Tucker thought he could turn a rugby punt into a first-down run only to come up a yard short, giving Wyoming the ball on the Texas 14-yard line, the defense stood tall.

Even after Chykie Brown made matters worse with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for his patented "You can't see me" taunt after a great play defending a fade route, the Longhorns' run stoppers stepped up and held the Cowboys to a field goal.

When Colt McCoy gift-wrapped an interception into Weston Johnson's hands with Texas up just

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SOCCER - TEXAS 2, LOUISVILLE 1; TEXAS 2, KENTUCKY 0

Role players step up in wake of injuries to lead Texas

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

The numbers on the injured reserve list are increasing for the Texas soccer team. But the Longhorns (3-3-0) added a hefty amount of depth to their roster this season.

While starters Lucy Keith, Sophie Campise and Leah Fortune dressed in sweats, icing their ankles on the bench this weekend, different Longhorns were asked to step up their pair of games this weekend.

"We had a lot of players who weren't able to play," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "So you have to get contributions from other people, and we certainly got that. I thought our bench stepped up this weekend and played extremely well."

In Friday night's game against Louisville (2-3), junior Niki Arlitt stole the show. For her first act, she performed 11 corner kicks, one of which she curved in to score the first goal of the game, putting the Longhorns up

1-0. Arlitt explained how thankful her teammates were after the goal.

"They were rejoicing because we haven't really scored that many goals this season," she said, laughing. "Amen."

Arlitt ran all over the field Friday night, winning balls in the middle, getting different looks by switching the ball from one side of the field to the other and taking corner kicks. In the second half, Louisville took control and scored an equalizer. But the Horns came back immediately with more offensive production.

For her second act of the game, Arlitt assisted the Longhorns' second goal. She took a perfect free kick that landed smack in the center of the Cardinals' box and sophomore Leah Payne rushed the net and scored.

"I liked our response after we gave up a goal — we came back and scored again," Petrucelli said. "It's

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Junior forward Niki Arlitt avoids a tackle from a Louisville defender in Friday's game. Arlitt had two points on a goal and an assist in the Horns' victory.

SWEEP: Horns win in straight sets on Friday

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of the younger girls to get playing time. Texas' lack of experience showed as the Italians jumped ahead early to a 15-10 lead. The lead would switch multiple times before the Longhorns found a way to pull out the victory, winning the set 25-23 and giving Texas the sweep of the Italians.

Saturday's match started out in a similar fashion, with Texas dominantly winning the first two sets 25-11 and 25-18. It was again in the third stanza when Elliott started mixing up the lineup by sending in freshmen.

The Italians jumped ahead early before Texas was able to tie it up at 10-10, but that would be the closest Texas would come to victory. Italy went to win the set 25-18. In the fourth frame, Elliott brought back four starters to give Texas the 25-18 win, earning the Horns a 3-1 match victory.

WYOMING: McCoy able to hit his receivers in second half

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an upset unfold, McCoy and his offense finally went to work.

McCoy hit Jordan Shipley, his favorite target, on consecutive plays, then found John Chiles and Malcolm Williams, bringing Texas all the way to the Wyoming 25.

All of a sudden, the Texas offense found its familiar rhythm. With their typical relentless precision, the Longhorns marched downfield after taking the kickoff, with McCoy himself taking the ball in for a 20-10 lead.

Two drives later, McCoy improvised with his legs again, spinning out of a sack and rolling to his left before he hit sophomore Dan Buckner for a 33-yard touchdown.

"We came out in the second half and played like we should," McCoy said. "That is the character of our team."

Texas never looked back, using a flawless defensive effort that pitched a virtual shutout and constantly pressured Wyoming's offense, holding them to just 273 yards. Even more impressively, Texas forced 11 punts, allowing the Cowboys to convert just three of 17 third downs.

DEFENSE: Muschamp pleased with improved conversion rate

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6-3, the defense forced a three-and-out.

"I was really pleased [with] 'sudden-change' defense," said defensive coordinator Will Muschamp. "Anytime you get a sudden change you have to hold them to a field goal. That's what our kids did."

And while another special teams' mistake cost Texas the lead, the Longhorn defense was in the midst of not allowing a first down during the entire second quarter.

Texas held Wyoming to 273 total yards— 99 in the first half — and was lights out on third down. The Cowboys converted just three of 17 third downs.

Cowboys Quarterback Robert Benjamin completed 16 of 38 passes for 120 yards while the Cowboys rushed for just 85 yards. Any big plays came from Benjamin's scrambling, which he did a lot of because Texas' front four was in the backfield all day.

Kindle had another statistically quiet game but had a few pressures and put Benjamin on his back.

"I'm not frustrated. They're doing a good job of getting rid of the ball," Kindle said. "But besides that, my guys are going to make up for what I don't do."

Kindle and his defensive teammates felt a little more motivation after Muschamp voiced his displeasure about giving up 20 points to Louisiana-Monroe.

Message received.

"We always expect less than 13 points," Williams said. "We were fired up this game."

It just took the offense and special teams a little longer to get there.

STEP UP: Arlitt steals game from Cards

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just a lot easier to play when you're playing from the lead. We've been on the other side a few times and know how hard it is to play from behind."

Texas battled against a tall and physical Kentucky team and came out with its second win of the weekend on Sunday despite less than 48 hours rest.

The first goal was scored early on in the first half when sophomore Kylie Doniak capitalized on a cross from sophomore Amanda Lisberger. The second goal came a few minutes before the end of the first half as Texas connected a string of passes down the right sideline. Freshman Erin Child volleyed to the center of the box where senior Stephanie Gibson headed the ball backwards to junior Kirsten Birkhold, who finished with the goal, putting the Horns up 2-0.


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POWWOW: Austin group works with AISD to preserve American Indian culture

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"We're not really known on campus, and we're trying to revive the group," Neighbors said. "We got a lot of help from the head people with Austin Powwow."

City-wide organization Austin Powwow also holds an annual powwow each November for Native American Heritage Month.

Neighbors described the relationship between the two organizations like a big brother and little brother.

"There are so many American Indians in UT who don't realize there's something for them here," said Barbara Atteberry of Austin Powwow. "We wanted to help the UT group share traditions to all people — teach them we're not the stereotypes, the savages and bad guys you see on TV."

Austin Powwow works with the Austin Independent School District, bringing artists and storytellers to schools, she said.

Atteberry said she also wants

to bring young people of American Indian heritage up in traditional ways so the traditions do not die. It is possible to integrate both traditional and modern cultures, she added, as long as "you don't forget where you come from and what your ancestors did for you."

Cherokee dancer Anthony Mouse said he has stayed involved with his culture, traveling across states to perform in powwows with his father. He also

keeps up with his Hispanic heritage from his mother's side.

"It's tough to do both, but you just have to give and take," Mouse said. "One weekend, I might go to a powwow; another weekend, I attend church. But my father never taught me the Cherokee language, and my mother never taught me Spanish, or else I'd be a real double threat."

On Saturday, he wore northern traditional regalia, with chaps around his legs, shakers made

of deer toes, a roach on his head made of horse and porcupine hair, a bustle on his back made with eagle wings and a breast plate made from animal pipe bones.

Mouse said there are differences even within the American Indian nations. For instance, Southern drums have a low pitch and are played slower, while Northern Cherokees use drums with a higher pitch and faster beat.

The evening was capped off with an inter-tribal dance fol-

lowed by dinner. Drummers sat in the center of the floor while all the tribe representatives, along with council and audience members, joined in a rhythmic step, circling the drummers.

"This group has given me more respect for my own culture and taught me it's more than just bow and arrows and teepees," Neighbors said. "Learning about my heritage has given me a better understanding about the Indian way and mentality."

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Born in Savonburg, Kansas to the late James and Stella Welch, Margaret was raised primarily in Texas. She attended the University of Texas, earning her bachelors degree in 1944. In 1948 she moved to New Jersey. She lived in Summit, Convent Station and Madison, before settling in Chatham in 1975. Margaret taught elementary school for the Madison public school system for nearly 30 years, spending most of her career teaching 1st grade at the Central Avenue School. She earned her Masters degree in education from Kean College in 1979. She was an active member of the NJEA, The Thursday Morning Club and the AAUW for many years. She enjoyed reading and gardening, but above all, her passion was teaching.

Surviving are her children Susan Naylor, Charles Cranmer and his wife Sabine and Thomas Cranmer and his wife Miwa; her grandchildren Robert, Catherine and Elizabeth Naylor, Lucy, Thomas, June and James Cranmer; her sister-in-law Frances Welch and her niece Geraldine Stackhouse.

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1 Intense enthusiasm

5 Townshend of the Who

9 Stock exchanges: Abbr.

13 Diva's solo

14 Praise highly

16 All over again

17 Examiner of heart and life lines

19 "Look twice before crossing," e.g.

20 Soothing ointment

21 Partitioned-off work space

23 N.B.A. official

26 Fishnet stocking material

28 Halloween purchases

29 Left the building

31 Attractiveness

33 Sheets, pillowcases, etc.

34 Look of disdain

35 Beings from out of this world, in brief

38 Pond organism

39 Student at the Citadel

40 Border on

41 "___-haw!" (western rider's cry)

42 Tableware inspired by Scandinavian design

43 Sporty Mazda

44 Call on the carpet

46 Pirate support, stereotypically

47 Iridescent gems

48 Feds who catch counterfeiters

50 Golfer Trevino

51 Enduring literary work

53 The Runnin' Rebels of the N.C.A.A.

55 Came to earth

56 Small bottle in a purse

61 ___ qua non

62 Persona non

63 Tennis champ Arthur

64 Four: Prefix

65 First Best Actor winner Jannings

66 Billet-___ (love letter)

Down

1 Hit with high voltage

2 Chapter in history

3 Feel sick

4 Gentle creature

5 Skinned, as potatoes

6 Midterms and finals

7 Tiny bit

8 Basic util.

9 Actress Tomei

10 Slow pitch with a little spin

11 Spills the beans

12 ___ Pea (Popeye's boy)

15 Louis Armstrong's instrument

18 Japanese noodle dish

22 1930s boxing champ Max

23 Race with batons

24 Napoleon, on Elba

25 Messy art medium for kids

27 Phone part ... or a title for this puzzle?

30 What the Hatter and the March Hare drank

32 Sneak preview

34 Sent to the bottom

36 Private pupil

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Paula Gamache

37 Where a 51-Down performs

39 Producing as a result

40 Insurance giant in 2009 news

42 Two-base hits: Abbr.

43 ___ Park (Edison's lab site)

45 Egg-dyeing time

46 Someone from whom you might collect exotic stamps

47 One-toothed dragon of old children's TV

49 Prefix with vitamin

51 See 37-Down

52 Give a darn

54 Prince called "the Impaler," who was the inspiration for Dracula

57 "___ the Walrus"

58 Equal: Prefix

59 Moo ___ pork

60 Evil spell

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FOOD: Restaurant week encourages chomping for charity

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JH: This year, participation is up 38 percent from the spring, which is a testament to the program. It's really a win-win for the customers, the restaurants and the charities.

DT: Which are the most popular restaurants?

JH: The ones that put together the most intriguing menus. Menus can be perused on the Austin Restaurant Week Web site as well.

DT: Do the restaurants host any special events or entertainment to draw in more customers throughout the week?

JH: Generally, the food is the focus, as is the ambiance and experience of the restaurant. The fact you can eat at Jeffrey's or Perry's for \$35 is usually incentive enough.

DT: Which restaurant are you most looking forward to eating at?

JH: Tough question. I want to try some places I have never eaten at but also want to see what my favorites come up with for their special menu. Some of our restaurants are doing Hahn wine pairings and/or Grey Goose signature cocktails, so that might help. The other day, I did an interview on air with KXAN with the Driskill and got to see their dishes in person and liked what I saw. Maybe I'll try them first.

Austin Restaurant Week runs from Sept. 13-16 and 20-23. For more information about Austin Restaurant Week, the charities, the participating restaurants and their limited-time menus visit restaurantweekaustin.com.



Caleb Miller | Daily Texan Staff

A plate of Kung Pao Three Treasures decorated with a flower-cut carrot garnish steams on a table at Fortune Chinese Seafood Restaurant.

LENO: Aiming to re-create TV

From page 12

now, are numbers that would have gotten you canceled 20 years ago," Leno said. "I never thought I'd see the day when primetime shows would be in the single digits in ratings. Television is changing"

Whether the show will succeed is up to those same viewers Leno claims to know, and if he's right, "The Jay Leno Show" could redefine television and usher in an era of cost-effective but efficient programming.

Of course, if it fails, it could tarnish everything he's accom-

plished. He claims that he isn't concerned about it, that his legacy is fine because of "The Tonight Show."

Whether he revolutionizes TV or crashes and burns, he can at least take comfort in one thing: It'll happen in real time, and audiences will be there to tweet about it.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFLY

Performing arts center changes name to reflect its mission

In sync with the new leadership of Director and Associate Dean Kathy Panoff, the name of UT's Performing Arts Center has been officially changed to Texas Performing Arts at The University of Texas at Austin.

This name signifies the cohesion

of the program with its mission as a College of Fine Arts unit, serving as both a collective of UT students and faculty as well as being an umbrella producer of significant works of music, theatre, dance and conversation at six venues located throughout the UT campus.

Since Panoff's arrival, subscriptions for the 2009-2010 Texas Performing Arts season have more than tripled, a testament to the diversity of programs available. Panoff's involvement in organizing the 2009-2010

season includes an effort to develop stronger faculty, student, and community involvement in Texas Performing Arts. The shift has also allowed for the addition of Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain and Edgar Meyer; Robert Crumb and Art Spiegelman: A Conversation hosted by Françoise Mouly; and New Zealand dance company, Black Grace, to the season.

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— Leigh Patterson



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Pat and Sara Lee, owners of Fortune Chinese Seafood Restaurant, eat fish soup Sunday night. The restaurant has an Austin Restaurant Week special menu priced at \$35 per couple which includes complimentary wine pairings.

Austin embarks on week of dining

By Molly Wahlberg
Daily Texan Staff

With tongues wagging and mouths watering throughout the city this week, hungry Austinites will dine for charity during the third annual Austin Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants will delight foodies by offering special three-course, prefixed menus for \$25-35.

Jason Hicks, director of events for Rare Magazine — one of the main media sponsors of Austin Restaurant Week — answered a few of The Daily Texan's questions about the biannual event.

Daily Texan: What is the purpose of Austin Restaurant Week?

Jason Hicks: The whole idea is to let everyone who wants to try some of Austin's best restaurants do so at a very good price. Also, it is about people getting out and checking out new restaurants that they haven't tried before or in a while.

This time around we really wanted to focus on the fact that people have cut back lately due to the economy. While Austin hasn't been hit as hard as some cities, we are still in a recession, and we feel Res-

taurant Week can help the recovery effort by giving people an extra incentive to get out there and enjoy some great restaurants, discover a new favorite or rediscover an old one.

DT: Which charities are going to benefit, and what percentage of the proceeds will go to them?

JH: This year, we are benefiting Sustainable Food Center and AIDS Services of Austin, both of whom get a donation from each reservation made at restaurantweekaustin.com. Furthermore, patrons can choose to go to restaurants that are donating

5 percent of their proceeds during ARW to the chosen charities.

DT: Do customers have to specify whether they want to support ARW in order for the restaurants to make the donation?

JH: Every restaurant still has their full menu, but the ARW menu is a special three-course meal designed for Restaurant Week to show off what that restaurant does best — all for \$25-\$35.

DT: Are there any exciting new restaurants on the list this year?

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As premier draws near, Leno stoic in midst of hype

By Robert Rich
Daily Texan Staff

"The Jay Leno Show" doesn't premiere until tonight, but it has already been talked to death.

Every news outlet is writing about the former "Tonight Show" host's new venture, which is basically a variety show version of his previous gig. There will be jokes, perhaps a guest or two, plus new elements including celebrities racing each other around a track in hybrid cars and comedians serving as correspondents a la "The Daily Show." It could bomb in glorious fashion, but Leno doesn't care.

"I'm pretty laid back," Leno said last week. "NBC is in fourth place, so you can't really do any worse."

That's not to say he isn't trying. The comedian honed new jokes on audiences over the summer, embarked on a new diet that helped him lose 12 pounds and enjoyed rumors that he would often drive high-priced cars from his personal collection into the studio during the show.

"I don't know where that came from," Leno said. "This idea that Jay Leno will run over poor people with his expensive cars. We might do something, but there are so many fire and safety regulations with doing that."

In reality, it's not the show that's even worthy of the buzz anymore: Leno speaks for the status and future of television programming. When talking about the show, the comedian is quick to discuss the issues, namely that immediacy is key.

"It's all about what's happening right now," Leno said. "The shows that do well are shows like 'Dancing With the Stars' and 'American Idol,' the shows that happen right now in real time. I remember in the '90s taping the NAACP Awards in April. It didn't air until June and nobody knew who won until the show aired. But now everybody is Twittering and the audience is sending us messages as the show is happening, so consequently information is only good for about one day."

It's this line of thinking that informs "The Jay Leno Show," with tapings happening three hours before air time and discussing the stories that are important on that given day. It won't be a show that can easily rerun, but Leno avows it's what audiences want to see.

"The numbers that make you No. 1 in the ratings,

LENO continues on page 11



Courtesy of Annie Ray

Jonathan Meiburg, of the Austin-based band Shearwater, is this week's Music Monday guest.

Austin musician drawn in by birds

MUSIC MONDAY
By Brad Barry

Along with being the songwriter and vocalist behind the acclaimed indie rock of Shearwater, Jonathan Meiburg is really into birds. It was UT's graduate program in ornithology that brought him to Austin, where he first joined Okkervil River and then moved on to playing in Shearwater full time.

Currently, his band, which fluidly oscillates between the intimate and the majestic, is playing in Europe as part of an international tour, but Meiburg took some time to tell The Daily Texan a little about himself.

Daily Texan: What album have you listened to the most in the last week?

Jonathan Meiburg: We've been in the studio finishing our new album over the last week, so that's probably the most truthful answer; also *Ege Bamyasi* by Can.

DT: If you could collaborate with any musician in the world, who would it be?

JM: Roger Waters.

DT: What was the best show you've ever played?

JM: Maybe the Bataclan in Paris, last year.

DT: What was the worst show you've ever played?

JM: Cafe Mundi, solo, many years ago. No one came. I thought the kind lady behind the counter was cute though, so maybe it wasn't the worst. I think she felt sorry for me.

DT: What is your favorite song to play live?

JM: Hard to say. I still like "Hail Mary" a lot, and "Rooks." But I'm really looking forward to playing new songs.

DT: When you were forming the band were there any alternate band names you didn't pick?

JM: I had the name in my head before the band got together.

DT: Where is your favorite place to eat in Austin?

JM: Hai Ky. And my own kitchen.

DT: Do you have a day job?

JM: No. Who would hire you when you're on tour half the year?

DT: What is your favorite Web site?

JM: 10000birds.com

DT: What is a perfect day for you?

JM: A day that doesn't involve travel by car, van or airplane.

Zen center offers peace to local residents

Austin's Buddhist Priests strive to minimize harm to their surroundings

By Audrey Campbell
Daily Texan Staff

Waking up at 5:45 a.m. each day, Kosho McCall dresses simply in a navy robe, pants and slip-on sandals.

He is one of a handful of priests living and working at the Austin Zen Center, a local retreat that offers free meditation sessions and classes on a daily basis. McCall has devoted the greater part of his life to Zen Buddhism, adhering to its three pillars — non-harming ethics, meditation and wisdom.

"We are trying to live a life that causes as little harm as possible," he said in a soft voice.

Surrounded by plants and shaded by an expansive oak tree, the center exudes a feeling of peace and calm tucked back into a quiet neighborhood off West 31st Street.

The center is a collection of three buildings, the largest of which houses the zendo, or meditation room, where students and teachers alike come to sit and silently meditate.

"Zen is much more individually oriented," McCall said. "It requires lots of mindfulness and self-motivation. Buddhism's primary focus is for people who want a spiritual practice, to understand suffering and to achieve peace of mind."

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— **Kosho McCall**
head teacher at the
Austin Zen Center

Relatively new to the center, McCall had formerly practiced at the San Francisco Zen Center since 1988. Originally from Maine, he attended an Episcopal seminary after college and was ordained as an Episcopalian priest before becoming interested in Zen.

"Zen's pretty peculiar," McCall said. "The thing that attracted me to it most was when I heard that you didn't have to believe anything."

When asked McCall what the transition was like — from growing up and attending the University of Maine as a philosophy major to converting to Buddhism — he responded, "I think the hardest part was living so closely with people."

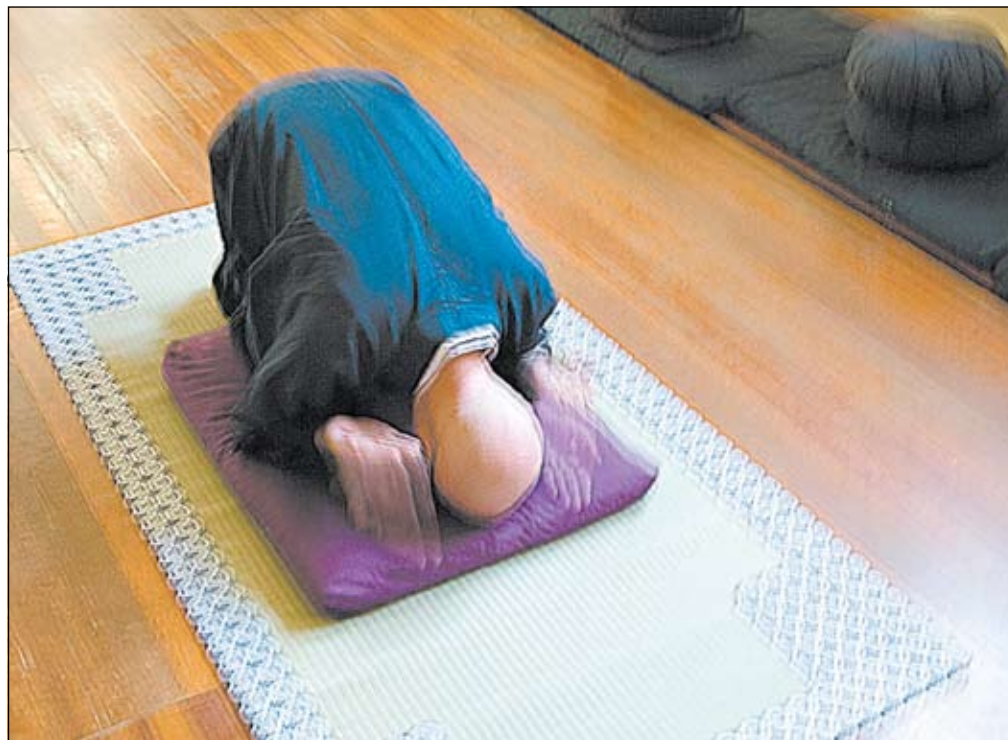
"You're used to doing what you want, when you want to," he said. "That's part of Zen practice, living closely together."

Serving as the head teacher of the center, McCall and his fellow priests devote themselves to daily meditation in hopes of cultivating an open mind and a forgiving heart.

In one of the meditation sessions Tuesday evening, 15 students participated in the zazen, or seated meditation practice.

The zazen consists of students sitting on small round pillows along the perimeter of the room, facing the wall, eyes downcast in meditation.

Throughout the hour-long meditation, the room was silent except for the low hum of the air condi-



Cameron Lindsay | Daily Texan Staff

Kosho McCall, head teacher at the Austin Zen Center, demonstrates a traditional prayer.

tioner and the occasional bird's chirp outside.

It would be misleading to say the meditation is simple. After meditating for an hour, your ankles grow stiff and your feet are numb, beginning to clearly illustrate what

McCall meant when he said part of Buddhism is suffering.

Eventually, a musician sounded a gong which was everyone's cue to stand and face each other while McCall walked to the altar at the head of the room and lit candles and incense. After a short service

of bowing, kneeling and chanting, the students were dismissed.

Leaving the room, students bowed to McCall, slipped on their shoes and said a quick thank you before leaving.

"You made it," McCall whispered.